

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION raising awareness of
inflammatory breast cancer.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION raising awareness of inflammatory breast cancer.

Whereas, Inflammatory breast cancer is a type of breast cancer in which cancer cells block the lymph vessels in the skin of the breast. Symptoms, which may appear overnight, are similar to those of mastitis, a benign infection. This similarity sometimes results in misdiagnosis and delays in treatment, and such postponements in care often result in an eventual stage IV diagnosis;

Whereas, Accounting for less than five percent of breast cancer cases, inflammatory breast cancer is the most aggressive form of the disease, due to its faster doubling time. Its five-year survival rate is approximately 40 percent, mainly because of delays in diagnosis, the disease's resistance to treatment with standard chemotherapy, and a lack of expertise in treating this rare form of cancer;

Whereas, Because it does not form the characteristic lump that can alert women to the presence of breast cancer, inflammatory breast cancer can quickly spread undetected throughout the breast and is also rarely detected by



mammograms or ultrasounds; and

Whereas, The treatment of inflammatory breast cancer differs from other breast cancer treatments, and early diagnosis by a physician with experience in caring for inflammatory breast cancer is essential. It is important to raise awareness about this devastating disease: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate raises awareness of
2 inflammatory breast cancer.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the IBC Network.

